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AT THIS TIME, LEGAT CANNOT ADVISE FBIHQ AS TO THE LENGTH OF STAY IN ES, HOWEVER, WILL ADVISE THE BUREAU BY JANUARY 8, 1981. LEGAT CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE U.S. EMBASSY, CARE OF REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICE, TELEPHONE NUMBER 26-7100.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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FM LEGAL ATTACHE PANAMA (163-321)

TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE 086-31

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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR -

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POLITICAL MATTERS - El Salvador

REBUTEL DATED DECEMBER 30, 1980.

LEGAT WILL PROCEED TO EL SALVADOR (ES) ON COPA FLIGHT 318 DEPARTING PANAMA AT 1600 HOURS, JANUARY #1 1981, ARRIVING SAN SALVADOR, ES, AT 1805 HOURS, JANUARY 5, 1981. LEGAT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE WILL ACT ONLY IN THE CAPACITY OF A CONSULTANT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY STAFF INVESTIGATING THE KILLING OF THE FOUR U.S. RELIGIOUS PERSONS.

THE NATURE OF THE SECURITY IN ES IN GENERAL IS WITHOUT A DOUBT NEARLY NON-EXISTENT. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ISSUED TRAVEL ADVISORIES THROUGHOUT 1980 ADVISING AGAINST TRAVEL TO OR THROUGH ES. SINCE JANUARY, 1980, MORE THAN 8000 PERSONS

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HAVE BEEN KILLED BY EXTREME LEFTISTS, EXTREME RIGHTISTS AND THE FOUR DIFFERENT SECURITY FORCES. AT TIMES IT IS UNKNOWN WHO IS DOING THE KILLINGS BECAUSE OF THE INTERCHANGE OF UNIFORMS, CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND GENERALLY, NO SINGLE FORCE IS IN CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY.

DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS A CIVILIAN MILITARY JUNTA, NO ONE SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO CONTROL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXTREME LEFT, RIGHT AND SECURITY FORCES (ARMY, NATIONAL GUARD, NATIONAL POLICE AND TREASURY POLICE). THE RIGHTISTS ARE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE OLIGARCHY, MANY OF WHOM HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY. THE EXTREME LEFT IS COMPOSED OF MARXIST-LENINIST FOLLOWERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE TRAINED IN CUBA. THEREFORE, IN GENERAL, THE SITUATION IN ES IS RATHER CHAOTIC WITH NUMEROUS TERRORIST ACTS COMMITTED EACH DAY.

RELATIVE TO THE PERSONAL SECURITY OF LEGAT WHILE IN ES, IT CAN BE STATED THAT THE EMBASSY HAS IN THE PAST AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE, THE NECESSARY PROTECTION. LEGAT IS ACCOMPANIED WHEN TRAVELING FROM THE AIRPORT, HOTEL OR EMBASSY, BY A DRIVER AND GUARD IN AN ARMORED VEHICLE. IN ADDITION, LEGAT MAINTAINS A LOW PROFILE, AND FOLLOWS THE PRECAUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY SECURITY STAFF.